

The U.S. Embassy in Seoul is transmitting the following information as a public service to all U.S. citizens in the Republic of Korea.

The Republic of Korea Civil Defense Authority and National Emergency Management Agency will conduct a nationwide earthquake drill on Thursday, April 26, 2012. At approximately 2:00 p.m. a siren will sound for one minute to signal the start of the drill. Pedestrians are advised to proceed to a vacant lot or open area. All drivers/vehicles on the road must pull over and come to a complete stop. At approximately 2:15 p.m. a second siren will sound, signaling the conclusion of the drill. Please note that this contrasts with the guidance during civil defense drills, when pedestrians are advised to seek shelter underground or indoors. The following is the difference in siren tone between the two types of drills:

Civil defense drill: high tone siren for 5 seconds, low tone for 3 seconds, then repeat.

Earthquake drill: high tone siren for 2 seconds, low tone for 2 seconds, then repeat.

U.S. citizens living or traveling in South Korea are encouraged to enroll with the Embassy through the State Department's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) website:

<https://travelregistration.state.gov/ibrs/ui/>. U.S. citizens without internet access may enroll in person at the U.S. Embassy. Enrollment is a voluntary way of telling us that you, as a U.S. citizen, are in Korea, whether for a long-term stay or for a short visit. In the event of an emergency, we use enrollment information to communicate with you. This could include a family emergency in which relatives in the United States request that the Embassy contact you.

For the latest security information worldwide, U.S. citizens should regularly monitor the State Department's website at <http://travel.state.gov> where the current Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, and Travel Alerts can be found. Up-to-date information on security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll free in the United States, or, for callers from outside the United States and Canada, a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).

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